



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re application of : **Confirmation No. 9676**  
Mieko SAKAI et al. : **Docket No. 2001-0489A**  
Serial No. 09/830,060 : **Group Art Unit 1714**  
Filed July 23, 2001 : **Examiner K. Wyrozebski Lee**  
**HIGH-HARDNESS, SOFT**  
**COMPOSITE MATERIAL**

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**AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,  
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of October 23, 2002, the time for responding thereto being extended for one month in accordance with a Petition for Extension of Time submitted herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**In the Claims:**

**Kindly cancel claim 5 presently in the application without prejudice.**

**Kindly amend claims 1, 4, 6-9, 17 and 18 as follows:**

1. (Amended) A high hardness, soft composite material which consists of an organic/inorganic composite material having at least 80% by weight of inorganic components including an aggregate component, and 20% by weight or less of organic components, and which has a surface Vickers hardness, measured according to JIS Z 2244, of at least 400 and a radius of curvature, at which the material is bendable without being broken, of at least R25 mm based on a platy body having a 3 to 15 mm thickness.